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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

19.

(NEW) A process for injection molding of plastic bodies in a molding apparatus having a mold cavity, the process comprising the steps of:

injecting a quantity of flowable plastic into the mold cavity:

injecting a quantity of pressurized compressible fluid into the interior of said flowable plastic in said cavity, increasing the pressure within

said cavity;

selectively connecting the mold cavity with a reservoir after cessation of pressurized fluid injection, so that a portion of said flowable plastic flows from the mold cavity.

20. (NEW) The process of claim 19 wherein said step of selectively connecting is characterized by actuating a control valve to fluidly connect the mold cavity with the reservoir.

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